



Joan Grieser

**Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together**

**Matt Hines and the Preschool/  
Kindergarten LOGOS Class**



Welcome to



**“The Church on  
the Corner Whose  
Cornerstone is Christ”**

*We are a community of faith founded upon God's Holy Word, preaching salvation through believing in Christ as Savior. We seek to live in God's truth, being obedient to His Word and following in His ways.*

## Welcome to our Worship of God! Fourth Sunday of Lent

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 68:32-35 (p. 572)

Prelude

“You're Worthy of My Praise”

Call to Worship

†Hymn of Praise - #60

“Morning Has Broken”

†Unison Prayer of Confession – *Gracious God, it is only through your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, that we have access by faith into your grace, giving us peace when we come before you to confess our sins. Trusting in your grace, we confess the sinful thoughts and actions we each commit, admitting that we know better and seek your forgiveness. Help us to know your presence and power when we face temptation, that we would say no! To bring you glory and honor and praise. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.*

†Words of Assurance – In the cross, we see God’s amazing love for us. We are God’s children living in a confused world. In abundant grace, God answers our doubt, heals our pain and forgives our failures in grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, know you are forgiven and made new.

†Hymn Response – #74

“Majesty”

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

Prayer Hymn – #429

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors)

(10:30) Special Music

Yohanna Richardson

“I Am Not Alone”

Scripture Reading

Colossians 3:1-11 (p.1167)

Sermon

“It’s Time for the Talk”

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“As the Deer”

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication – *Your blessings, Lord, poured out into our lives are more numerous than the stars. Moved by your generous love, we give our tithes and offerings. May these offerings help accomplish your purposes, we pray. Amen.*

†Closing Hymn – #505

“Love Lifted Me”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song – #244

“Trees of the Field”

†Postlude



## Welcome...

### **Guests and Visitors**

Welcome to our worship of God! We hope you will find our service to be an uplifting and faithful time of worship and that you will worship with us again. Learn more about us by visiting our Welcome Table at the south end of our building or our website at [www.stjohnsarchbold.org](http://www.stjohnsarchbold.org).

### **Membership Orientation**

St. John's Christian Church offers periodic orientation sessions to inform people about beliefs, ministries and the history of this local congregation. Orientation includes three group sessions and one home visit by one of the pastors. Please let Pastor Erich, Pastor Alex or Kelly Stahl know if you would be interested in attending future sessions offered.

### **St. John's Christian Preschool**

A learning, Christian ministry geared for children 3-5 years of age. Four sessions offered: Tues./Thurs. morning and afternoon, and Mon/Wed/Fri morning and afternoon; and run from September through May. More information is available at [www.stjohnsarchbold.org](http://www.stjohnsarchbold.org).

### **Mother's Room / Diaper Changing Station / Nursery Care**

We have a Mother's Room located near our sanctuary – just ask an usher for its location. A diaper changing station is in our nursery room just down the hallway from our sanctuary. Nursery Care is offered during our 10:30 worship service for infants and pre-kindergarten children.

**Children's and Large Print Bulletins** are available on a table in the sanctuary narthex.

**Hearing Assistance** is provided through our loop system for hearing aids with a "t" switch position.

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### **This Week's Congregational Prayer:**

Lord, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, I humbly bow, honoring you with my respect and awe. You know how my thoughts can stray and go awry, when I am weak and give in to temptation. There are so many images and messages I see and hear that cloud my mind. Forgive me, Lord. I know better. Help me to be sincere in my faith, that my thoughts and actions would reflect the truth of scripture. Empower our church to be a beacon of light and hope, strengthening discipleship, that we might share the gospel of Good News. In Christ, I pray. Amen..

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**Easter Memorials** – Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board for giving Easter Memorials (deadline March 23). Memorial and flower sponsorships will be listed in Easter Sunday bulletins, and flowers will be available for pick up after the 10:30 service of worship on Easter Sunday.



The Altar Flowers are sponsored by Joan Grieser in memory of loved ones.



## Let's Talk About It - This Week in Our Children's and Youth Education:

**LOGOS: First Grade/Second Grade:** The first graders will be learning about the events of Holy Week for the next couple of weeks. This week we talked about Jesus going to Jerusalem for Passover and the events of Palm Sunday. **Third Grade:** We studied 1 Samuel 1-3, learning how Samuel listened to God his whole life. We also talked about how we too can say, "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening."

**Confirmation:** Confirmands studied Matthew 6:5-12, Mark 1:35 and Mark 14:32-39 in learning about Jesus and prayer. What is prayer? Why should we pray?

**JYF:** Youth entered into a Six Day Challenge – devotional booklets were handed out and youth and adults were challenged to spend time in each of the next six days to read and listen and think about faith and God and Jesus!

**SHSS:** We will be looking at how a high schooler's life can be both confusing and stormy at times. Along with this we will look at how God can rescue us in difficult times.

**SYF:** We continue to follow the Lenten Sermon Series, and talked about marriage and divorce this past week. Please note that we're adjusting the ending time of SYF from 8:30 to 8:15 each week to better accommodate for some of our students' schedules. Also, note that during Holy Week, on March 28, we will be watching the Passion of the Christ, rated R for its graphic portrayal of our Lord's crucifixion. Parents, if you're interested in seeing the movie before your students, you may request to borrow a copy from Pastor Alex.

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**JYF – March 14th** – A Skate Party with several area youth groups! The bus will leave the church parking lot at 5:45pm – climb aboard before then! Skating will be in Wauseon from 6pm to 8pm, and back to the church for pick up around 8:20pm. Eat before you come! If youth have their own quad or inline skates, bring them, but there will be skates to use. No money needed – JYF funds will cover everything!

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### **Quiz Invitational**

**This Friday**, 61 teams from other areas will arrive for the Bible quiz invitational tournament. 15 teams of 6-8 people still need places to stay. Some have their own transportation, and some would need transported to and from the school. If you can provide at least a floor for them to sleep on and 2 breakfasts, please contact Lesa King at 419-446-4837, or [lesa.king@gmail.com](mailto:lesa.king@gmail.com), or text 419-304-6005. Thanks to everyone who is helping to fill this need!

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***March Mission-A-Month - Friendship House***



## **WEEK OF March 11 At St. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	3:00PM	Joan Grieser Piano Recital (Sanctuary)
	6:00PM	Young Adult Ministry at Dan Stuckey's
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	7:30PM	Praise Band
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study – (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal – (SJCC Meal Team)
	7:00PM	Evangelism Committee - (Parlor)
	7:00PM	Property Committee - (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Classroom)
	9:00AM	Bible Study at West Haven
	5:45PM	JYF leaves for Wauseon Skate Event
	6:45PM	Jr. Choir
	5:50PM	LOGOS Meal - (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	Lenten Service
	7:00PM	SYF Remix/Life Planning (Youth Room)
	7:00PM	HC3 Parenting Presentation (Chapel)
Thurs	6:00PM	Mom's Night Preschool (Preschool Room/Chapel)
Sat	8:00AM	Mindful Movement (Parish Hall)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	6:00PM	Seekers (Kim Helmke's Home, 230 Shoop Ave. Wauseon)

### **Next Sunday – March 18 - Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Sermon – “A House Fitting for the Lord” by Pastor Alex Young

Scripture – 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

**Discovery Daily Devotional Guides** – The Jan/Feb/Mar Discovery Daily Bible Guides are available in the literature rack outside the Associate Pastor’s office (suggested donation \$6 each). You can access this guide online at <http://www.scriptureunion.org/Bible%20Reading/Discovery>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

March 12 - Called To Be Holy.....	Romans 1:1-7
March 13 - The Feeling is Mutual .....	Romans 1:8-13
March 14 - Spreading the Good News .....	Romans 1:14-17
March 15 - All Kinds of Evil .....	Romans 1:18-32
March 16 - Judge Not .....	Romans 2:1-16
March 17 - A Heart For God .....	Romans 2:17-29
March 18 - No Blame Now .....	Psalm 101



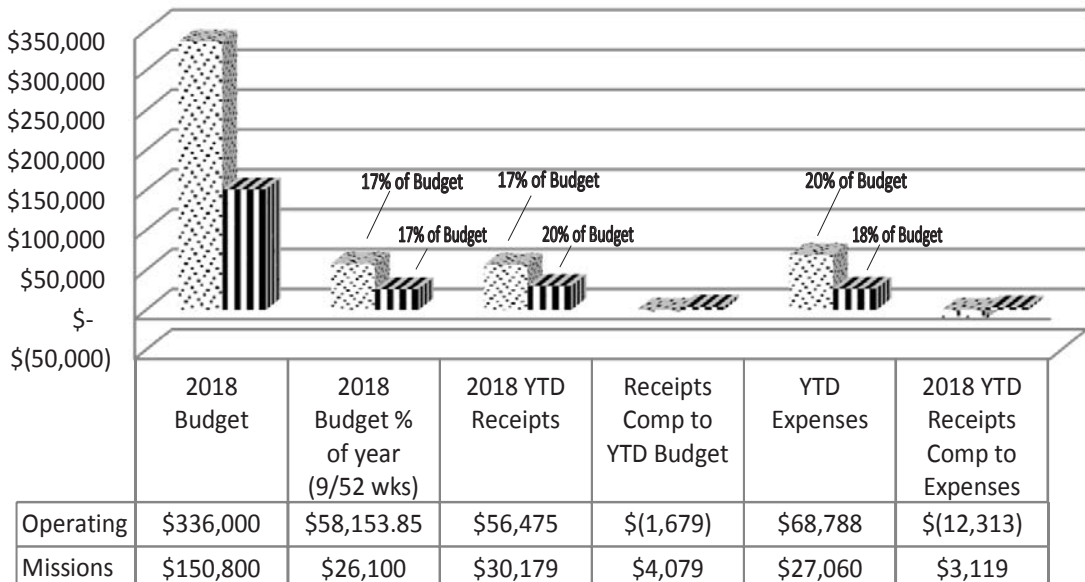
**April 5th & 6th - Founder's Hall - Sauder Village**

**Thurs., April 5 - Auction Preview Night 4:30PM-7:30PM**

**Fri., April 6 - Auction Night 5:00PM-8:00PM**

Donation sheets can be found on the bulletin board across from the office.

### 2018 Operating & Missions Funds as of March 5, 2018



**IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of March 5, 2018 - \$583,470.69**

**Directory** – A link for our online directory is available on our web site ([www.stjohnsarchbold.org](http://www.stjohnsarchbold.org)) under Resources on our home page, or you can access it directly at [www.instantchurchdirectory.com](http://www.instantchurchdirectory.com).

## **Missionaries Supported by Our Congregation and Their Current Prayer Requests:**

- ✠ Africa – Tom & Megan – The Islands – pray for their two newer team members, for a short-term worker, and the whole team as they plan for the upcoming months and years. Pray that those seeking would find, pray that being peacemakers will bring others to the truth.
- ✠ Akron – David Hench – Reliant at Akron U – pray for fruit to continue to come from recent student retreats, pray for the final \$425 to come in for his monthly goal, and for his fiancée, Blair, as she takes her nursing boards and moves to Akron.
- ✠ Ann Arbor – Kyle Chase – Reliant Mission at U of Michigan – continue to pray for their h20 church plant team at Western Michigan University, that it would thrive and grow in unity, and for upcoming spring break ministry experiences.
- ✠ Bowling Green – Robert & Jenni McMahan – Cru at BGSU – pray for upcoming spring break experiences, for their small groups to go deeper into God’s Word, and for further support.
- ✠ Brazil – Tony & Leila Frank – pray for Linda Heer, Mark Nofziger, Crissi Stuckey, Brenda Kaszer and Pastor Erich as they prepare for their time in late April to visit with Tony & Leila.
- ✠ Chicago – Jon & Rachel Doriot – Pioneers – Please pray for God to go before us in our new neighborhood, that we might encounter people of peace who are welcoming, willing to open their households, and ready to listen and pass it on. Pray for our kids to make fast friends in the area. Pray for openness in our Afghani friends’ hearts, to look into the Scriptures while we assist them in assimilating into life in the U.S. Pray for God’s provision of finances.
- ✠ China – Cheryl Wyse – Agape Family Life House (AFLH) – pray for their search for children who can benefit from their ministry and physical therapy, thanking God for the Bison’s, the new family serving as managers of the foster home.
- ✠ Columbus – Whitney Varnau – Reliant Mission at Ohio State & She Has A Name (SHAN) – pray for their efforts to plant an h2o church at Indiana University, and for the Night of Jubilee of prayer and worship in April, and for her mentoring of college students.
- ✠ Columbus – Matt & Paige Waanders – Cru at Ohio State – pray for them as they continue to discover avenues of ministry as they disciple students and share the Gospel.
- ✠ Dominican Republic – Jason & Becky Suon – Freedom International – pray for God’s continual lead and provision as they befriend and disciple people living in poverty and a culture of superstitions; pray for them as they make plans for their first furlough back to the US in July.
- ✠ India – Dr. Shobha Arole & Mr. Ravi Arole – CRHP Jamkhed – pray that their staff continue to be led by the Spirit in their never ending efforts of caring for the villages they relate to.
- ✠ Kenya – Larry & Linda Rupp – Kajiado Children’s Home – Catherine Kitonde, an alumni of KCH and past guest at SJCC, represented Kenya at a science forum in South Africa in December. She participated in discussing issues facing Africa’s transformative research, innovation, leadership and development, and the role of governments and international organizations. As a Kenya Award Fellow, she represented Kenya fully during discussions about the growth and development in Africa. Pray that God continues to guide KCH in their ministry as they transform the lives of orphans!
- ✠ Toledo – Reliant Mission at U of Toledo – pray for follow up efforts to their February retreats, that much fruit will come from their networking efforts.

## Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- Ryan Christman, as he spent a few days at Defiance Mercy Hospital for acute pain due to an issue in the small intestine.
- Dean Beck and family, as the passing of his wife, Lou Ann, on March 3rd, private service will be held on March 24th.
- Joanne Spotts, moved to Fulton Manor, Room #410.
- Sharon VonDeylen, having good improvement at Montpelier Hospital.
- Mary Zimmerman, as she continues radiation treatments to remove any remnants of the brain tumor.
- Pauline Short, at Fairlawn Haven, Room #113.
- Brenden Bostelman, stationed in Afghanistan (Grandson of Bill & Kathy).
- Taylor Collins, stationed in Bolling, DC (Granddaughter of Nan Neill).
- Kyle Ducey, stationed at Fort Gordon, Georgia (Son of Kelly & Betsy).
- Jared Kuntz, stationed in Guam (Son of Keith & Kelli).
- Eric Magg, stationed in Ketchikan, Alaska (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short).
- Donny Richardson, stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina (Son of Shannon & Yesi).
- Steve Schink, at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT (Son-in-Law of Ed & Julie Ruffer).
- AJ Short, stationed in Japan (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short).
- Kyle Stuckey, Killeen, Texas (Grandson of Nan Neill).
- Kollin Woolace, stationed in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina (Grandson of Larry & Melva).
- All our home bound and care center residents, and all our students.

## Today's Worship Servants

Acolytes	(8:00)	Braden Eichler	(10:30)	Krayton Kern
Ushers	(Head)	Greg Walker		
	(8:00)	Jim Grieser		
	(10:30)	Dale & Ann Grime, Ben & Sue Buehrer		
Nursery Staff	(10:30)	Rachel Kinsman	(March 18)	Jeremy & Sarah Kinsman
Sound Tech	(8:00)	Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30)	James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30)	Dean Sauder		
Computer Tech	(Both)	Brian Roth		
Worship Leader	(Both)	Linda Heer		
Song Leader	(8:00)	Andrew Rohrs	(10:30)	Ed Ruffer
Accompanist	(Both)	Lynne Christman		

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